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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 3 April 1958

FROM : Chief/Language and Area School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #13

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The Inter-Agency Roundtable had its monthly meeting last Friday at the FSI. The next meeting, with the Air Force as host, will be in Syracuse on 25 April. Syracuse was selected in preference to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in order to permit observation of Air Force training activities. While in Syracuse, I shall collect information on the Maxwell School's "Over-seasanship" institute planned for summer.

2. [] conducted seven QRP's this week, all for language training. Prior to these, Sargent studied all files and interviewed all candidates.

3. A variety of counseling on language and area studies has been provided during the week, as usual.

4. For the first time since the panel procedure was instituted about three years ago, a division has declined to accept invitations to participate; and this twice in one month by this division. Unfortunately, both cases were highly questionable gambles for language training, and one had a peculiar cover problem; and we could have benefitted by cooperation of the sponsors. In one case we were given "a hard time" for suggesting, by invitation, that the supervisor attend, and in the other we were told to proceed without participation of the supervisor.

5. [] called to "follow up" on our talk with Karamesinnes. Principally discussed their lack of authority over training officers. Also listened to me harangue on the woefulness of the Agency's language equipment.

6. We have been compelled to inform USIA that the full-time course in Czech we have been developing for several months with a view to meeting single requirements of four agencies is not available. This is necessitated by EE's unwillingness to have its students in association with a USIA student--although I specifically checked this point with EE prior to inviting USIA. The course will be run by [] in addition to his other duties. He will be assisted by one or two native speakers for whose services we arranged with EE. No cost to OTR for this course.

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25X1 25X1 DTS 7. Hungary-Basic Country Survey #1 began with 15 enrolled students and four auditors; it is scheduled to run 10 weeks, a half day twice a week, with [] as Chief Instructor. Enrollment is: 4 EE, 2 OO, 2 ORR, 1 OCR, 2 FI/RI, 1 IO, 2 USIA, and 1 State. Assisting in the orientation opening day were DDP [] State's Hungarian Desk Chief, James S. Sutterlin, gave a highly instructive introduction to American-Hungarian relations. Session concluded with a film of the October 1956 revolution in Hungary. K

25X1 25X1 8. On Monday began the first running of the full-time Intermediate German Course, the second (after the French) in our new series of "integrated" language courses using area materials. The new German course has five students, one of whom [] has just completed the full-time 20-week Basic German Course, another of whom [] K
[] The principal instructor for the course is [] acting as principal advisor on area matters. They are being very ably assisted by [] 25X1

25X1 25X1 9. [] in his new function as head of the Asian and African Language Department, held the first of what will be regular meetings of the instructors in his department. [] The purpose of this meeting was to introduce those who had not previously met, to establish lines of communication, to invite a frank and full exchange of suggestions for the work of the Department.

25X1 10. The Intermediate Integrated Language/Area Course (full-time) in French began 24 March and will terminate 29 May. Six students are enrolled, 3 from FE, 2 from WE, and 1 from NEA. The purpose is to develop the students speaking ability on French public affairs, internal and external. A schedule of fluent French speakers specializing in the areas concerned is now being circulated. Other fluent speakers are scheduled to conduct discussion sessions once or twice weekly throughout the course. Films and other visual aids will also be used. Stays [] are scheduled for three days in the fifth week (mid-course) and a full week in the tenth week (last week). K

25X1 11. "Ask and you shall receive is the moral of the following: [] occasionally-expressed regret over the lack of a good map on the Middle East prompted two Army Map Service students to make on their own (and without any apple-polishing intent!), a large, linen-backed, rod-mounted Middle East map for class use. Another example of the good relations developed in the area courses between AMS and LAS.

12. Following reorganization of the School, plans have been completed for moving the School Chief and all language staff personnel to Quarters Eye, and all area staff personnel and PRA personnel to Tempo I. It is expected that the move will be accomplished on Monday, 14 April.

13. On 1 April, began the first of the five major language proficiency tests, covering Spanish, French, German, Russian, and Italian. These tests will run through 11 April. The Spanish test was taken by 25 people, French about 50, Russian about 130.

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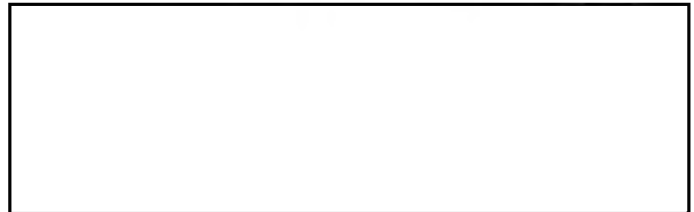
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14. The Korean test was scheduled for 27 March and no one reported to take it.

15. Deputy/PRA has completed a survey of space requirements which clearly shows that more classroom and lecture room space is badly needed. The addition of another wing in Quarters Eye plus 1000 square feet more of space would enable the School to consolidate in one place and to operate with greater efficiency and much less wear and tear.

16. ~~Conversation piece~~: all courses in Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian scheduled to begin this month have been cancelled. Reason: insufficient registration. Result: no new students in these languages.

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